

New Fireworks Laws

- Fireworks may be purchased and sold beginning on June 26 and ending on July 26.
- Some fireworks that rise more than 15 feet in the air are now legal.

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CPSC Info Database

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) launched a new Consumer Product Safety Information Database. The database should make it easier and quicker to report and search for dangerous products. www.saferproducts.gov

Beeping Ben

Smoke alarm and fire safety educational series: Book, video, and handouts. [Fire Safety Education](#) carries the line.

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Saving Our Firefighters

Home safety visit programs have reduced the civilian fire deaths in residential fires by 40 to 60%. While firefighters focus on surviving the fire ground during Safety Week June 19 -25, consideration should also be given to preventing those fires.

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Juvenile Firesetting Interventionist Training

The University of Utah is hosting a free Juvenile Firesetting Interventionist Training April 7, 2011 from 9 AM – 3:30 PM with a 30 minute break for lunch. This free webinar series will be recorded and available for on-line viewing through the Utah Telehealth Network. CEUs available.

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Safety Website

The Ultimate Home Safety Guide, <http://www.rentersinsurance.com/>, was brought to my attention by Jeff, a 4th grade student and his teacher, Ms. Cogan. It is filled with great checklists and ideas for home safety from safety agencies and fire departments around the world.

Expert Network Academy Training

The Expert Network Academy is an excellent online training for fire and life safety education. It is free and provides 8 hours of CEUs.

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Ready, Set, Go!

Spring is the time to teach wildfire prevention and survival. In addition to the excellent resources from Forestry, Fire and State Lands, there are new national resources from [IAFC](#). Go door to door to share your message, teach neighborhood classes, and prepare your city or town for an evacuation.

UFLSEA Save these Dates

June 29 UFLSEA Semi-Annual Meeting

September 10 State Fair

November 8 – 11 Utah FLSE Conference

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[Arson Awareness Week](#)
[May 1–7](#)

[EMS Week May 15 – 21](#)

*** Recent News ***

The **Utah Poison Control Center** will join poison centers around the country from March 20 through 26, 2011 to celebrate the 50th annual **Poison Prevention Week**, a week aimed at reminding everyone that poison dangers exist in every age group and every community.

Flavored Tobacco

Utah Poison Control and the Utah Department of Health are concerned about the use of flavored tobacco by Utah youth. Flavored tobacco looks and tastes like candy, gum and mints.

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Fireworks, cont.

More fireworks are legal this year including some that travel far into the air.

“Multiple tube,” “repeater,” or “cake” fireworks look like miniature professional displays. These are a collection of tubes with aerial shells, banded together and using one external fuse.

When used properly, they are unlikely to tip over, they launch high into the air, and the debris that returns to the ground is cool to the touch.

They travel higher than the previous 15 foot restrictions. Consumers need to ensure they place the display on a flat surface with adequate air clearance – away from trees, carports, or other obstacles.

Still not allowed: firecracker, M-80, cherry bomb, bottle rocket, or display fireworks. For a more complete list, view House Bill 22 <http://le.utah.gov/~2011/htmldoc/hbillhtm/HB0022.htm> which will soon amend the Utah Code and Constitution Sections: 53-7-202, 53-7-22, and 53-7-225.

Fireworks may be purchased and sold from June 26 – July 26. The dates for New Year and Chinese New Year celebrations remain the same. For purposes of public safety, such as prevention a likely wildfire, jurisdictions may continue to restrict firework use on certain days or in certain areas.

Sparklers are still legal in Utah. [NFPA](#) has a good graphic on sprinkler temperatures.



Cake fireworks now legal in Utah. Photo from US Fireworks

“Cake” or “multiple shot” fireworks are legal in Utah. They look like multiple bottle rockets or miniature professional displays.

Expert Network Academy, cont.

The Expert Network Academy online training is great for experienced educators and for line firefighters. Learn about the most common causes of injury, the populations most at risk, and to do to help prevent future injuries.

www.homesafetycouncil.org

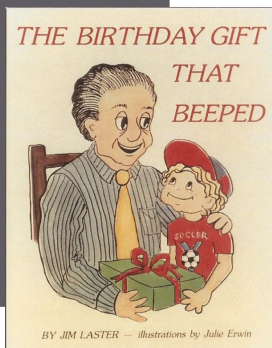
Utah fire departments with two or more people who have completed the Delivering Fire and Life Safety Education course will be recognized at the June UFLSEA meeting. Fax or email a copy of your certificate along with the name of your department to [Monica Colby](#), fax 801-284-6351.

Beeping Ben, cont.

Beeping Ben, his video and his book, “The Birthday Gift That Beeped.” Beeping Ben is a touching story about a young boy who learns about fire safety at school and decides to buy his grandfather a smoke alarm for his birthday.

Before he can deliver it, his own family has an unattended cooking fire and the smoke alarm alerts the family to the danger. (Don’t worry, grandpa gets his alarm, too.)

[Jim Laster](#), a firefighter in Tennessee, wrote the book. The book, video and handout materials can be found at [Fire Safety Education](#).



Beeping Ben was developed by a firefighter in Tennessee.

Flavored Tobacco, cont.



Melt away tobacco strips or chewing gum?

Flavored tobacco comes in flavored sticks, gum, and dissolvable forms similar to mints and breath strips.

Test markets for flavored tobacco are seeing a rise youth use. These products are not currently sold in Utah but they are sold in Colorado and on the internet. Utah Poison Control and the Utah Department of Health are concerned.

Flavored tobacco is not substituting for youth cigarette use but is increasing the total number of youth using tobacco products.

Many youth view this as a “safer” tobacco use. While the risk of lung cancer is less than with cigarettes, the chance of oral and esophageal cancer is high.

There is also a significant danger of accidental poisoning, especially in young children. These look, smell and taste like familiar products.

For more: www.tobaccofreeutah.org

Interventionist training, cont.

The Utah Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Training is a series of webinars providing an overview of juvenile firesetting, new program materials, how to use the assessment tools and conduct interviews, and how to conduct education interventions including home safety, fire behavior, legal consequences, and burn education.

Each segment will have a short quiz and there is a test once you have watched the entire series. Students are then prepared to find a mentor and begin interventions in their own community under the specific direction of their local fire department.

The online Juvenile Firesetting Interventionist training is a collaboration of multiple agencies. The Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal has been lucky enough to partner with the U of U Burn Center and Unified Fire Authority.

<http://www.utahealth.net/live/burn/index.html>

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Saving Our Firefighters, cont.

June 19 – 25, 2011 is Safety, Health and Survival Week. This year’s theme is “Surviving the Fire Ground – Fire Fighter, Fire Officer & Command Preparedness.” Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all nonemergency activity during the week until all shifts and personnel have taken part in survival training and education.

Coincidentally, TriData Division, System Planning Corporation’s international reports were highlighted in Fire Chief Magazine. Civilian fire deaths in residential fires have been decreased 40 to 60% where fire departments implement firefighter home-visit programs.

Fewer fires, fewer people at risk, fewer firefighters at risk.

[Article](#) in Fire Chief Magazine Tri-Data [Reports](#)



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Utah Fire and Life is an electronic newsletter dedicated to sharing information, resources, and news with the fire and life safety educators in Utah and our friends across the country.

The first electronic edition was published October 2008 as the *Utah Public Fire Educator*. Past editions can be downloaded at no cost at <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/firemarshal/newsletter.html>

The Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal provides this newsletter through their outreach efforts. Any comments and questions may be directed to Monica Colby at the contact information to the left.

Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association Dates

Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association (UFLSEA) Semi-Annual State Meeting

June 29, 2011. 9 AM training, break for lunch, 1:00 PM business meeting. Salt Lake County.

State Fair September 10, 2011

Fire safety, home fire sprinkler demonstrations, fun interaction with people, free entrance to the fair, thank you gifts. Shifts between 8:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Utah FLSE Conference November 8 – 11, 2011, sunny St George, Utah

UFLSEA [website](#) will update with more information as the committee moves forward with the conference plans. We are expecting the registration to be \$200 and the hotel conference rates will be \$70/\$80 one bed/two beds.



Fire and Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies

April 20—22, 2011 Estes Park, Colorado

<http://firesafetyeducators.org/conference.html>